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REMOVAL OF "PALM" FROM HIS OFFICIAL POST AS CONSUL-
GENERAL, AND OBSERVATIONS ON HIS FUTURE WORK.

From: CANBERRA

To: MOSCOW

No.: 102

9 March 1946

To VICTOR.

"PALM" has reported that the question of his posting from here has been finally decided. A certain RAUX(c), a member of the permanent staff of the French "NOOK [ZAKOULOK]" is arriving in the near future to take his place as Consul-General. PALM has apparently received an intimation that he is being transferred to be at the disposal of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy. As regards his being relieved [1 group garbled] work in the line of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs [MID] PALM [P.] considers that they simply chucked him out(b) because they do not trust [him](c), while the professional elements tried to slander [him](c) and to do everything in order that he should be removed from his post. He complained that he has had enough of working in such a tense situation. He asked that MOSCOW should allow him to work in future for only one master, for he, at his time of life, finds it impossible for one person to combine work for PARIS and MOSCOW. He again repeated that if MOSCOW will not allow him to go to the Soviet Union and work there, then he would like [1 group garbled] private work when he gets to PARIS. Strangely enough, PALM [P.]

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at the same time asks "But won't MOSCOW object if I am sent as a trade representative to the Soviet Union". He said that he was leaving for PARIS with his wife, but not with the one about whom we reported to you at one time. His present [D: figurative] wife has turned out to be one SHABUYA, a Frenchwoman who for several years [D: has apparently been representing a net-work [SET'] of French]

[10 groups unrecoverable]{d}

months ago on an assignment of French Government organs for settling questions [D: connected] with the evacuation of French volunteers who took part in the war in the Pacific.

Please give your instructions [D: on this question].

No. 16
8th March 1946

EFIM

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- T.M.: [a] Given in both Cyrillic and Roman alphabets.
[b] A slangy expression is used in the Russian also.
[c] Inserted by the translator.
[d] There is a slight possibility that the first of these unrecovered groups is "underground".

[] "PHIM"
[] ✓ RALX []
Comments: [i] ✓ ZAKOULOK: in messages dated March 1945 sent on the WASHINGTON-MOSCOW line this covername has occurred in contexts which suggest that it is used for the British Foreign Office. Its occurrence here lends some weight to the theory that it is used for any Foreign Ministry other than that of the Soviet Union. Against this, however, must be placed the fact that in the next sentence in this message the abbreviation "MID" is used, also apparently referring to the French Foreign Ministry.

[] ✓ SHABUYA : Presumably Jeanne Genevieve CHABUYA
[] EFIM
